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TO P S E C R E T T R I N E SECTION FIVE XXMMENP05-TB24118 3/01 R282-68 NATIONAL
SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC B. GROUND FORCES HANOI
COMMUNICATIONS DURING NOVEMBER, A GENERAL DECREASE IN COMMUNICATIONS HAS BEEN
OBSERVED BOTH ON THE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL MAINLINE NETS OF THE HIGH COMMAND
OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NORTH VIETNAM (HCAFNV). SINCE 1 NOVEMBER, HCAFNV HAS
BEEN OBSERVED IN TRAFFIC PASSING COMMUNICATIONS ONCE WITH HQ, MR VIET BAC AND
TWICE WITH HQ, AIRFORCE/AIR DEFENSE ON THE INTERNAL MAINLINE NET. THESE TWO
ENTITIES NORMALLY COMMUNICATED WITH HCAFNV TWICE A DAY DURING THE PREVIOUS TWO
MONTHS. ALONG WITH THIS ACTIVITY, HQ, MR 4. HQ, MR NORTHWEST. HQ, MR 3 LEFT
BANK AND HQ, NVN NAVY HAVE ALSO BEEN OBSERVED IN DECREASED COMMUNICATIONS WITH
HCAFNV. THIS REDUCTION IN COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY IS APPARENT IN COMMUNICATION
SCHEDULED AND DECREASED MESSAGE ACTIVITY. A DECLINE IN DAILY SCHEDULED
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HCAFNV AND SUBORDINATES OF THE EXTERNAL MAINLINE NET
HAVE BEEN OBSERVED SINCE APPROXIMATELY 10 NOVEMBER. ONE UNIDENTIFIED AND
UNLOCATED SUBORDINATE (M2048) HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED SINCE 8 NOVEMBER AND HQ,
KHE SANH AREA FRONT, ACTIVE DAILY UNTIL 10 NOVEMBER, HAS ONLY BEEN OBSERVED IN
SPORADIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH HCAFNV SINCE THAT DATE. (SECRET SAVIN) MILITARY
REGION 3 RIGHT BANK ON 19 NOVEMBER, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HQ, 304TH DIVISION
GARRISON AND HQ, MR 3 RIGHT BANK (RB) DISCLOSED THAT A CLOSE COMMUNICATION W
ATCH WOULD BE OBSERVED BY HQ, 304TH DIVISION GARRISON THROUGH 21 NOVEMBER. ON
THAT DATE, COMMUNICATIONS FROM MR 3 RB TO HQ, 304TH DIVISION GARRISON
INDICATED THAT THE GARRISON SHOULD BREAK COMMUNICATIONS "NOW ON 21/11." THIS
ACTIVITY COINCIDES WITH THE ACTIVITY ON 19 NOVEMBER WHICH INDICATED THAT THE
HQ, 304TH DIVISION GARRISON MAY CEASE COMMUNICATIONS WITH HCAFNV ON THE
INTERNAL NETWORK. THE LINK BETWEEN THESE ENTITIES HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED SINCE
THAT DATE. (3/01 R280-68) (SECRET SAVIN) MILITARY REGION 3 LEFT BANK
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HQ, 350TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND AN UNIDENTIFIED
SUBORDINATE (M0637) WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN OBSERVED SINCE 10 NOVEMBER, WERE
NOTED ON 23 NOVEMBER. NORMAL COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUE BETWEEN THIS HEADQUARTERS
AND M0662 THROUGH 23 NOVEMBER. A THIRD SUBORDINATE (M3085) HAS NOT BEEN
OBSERVED SINCE 29 OCTOBER. (3/01 R275-68) (SECRET SAVIN) MILITARY REGION 4
QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL UNIT (QBPU) COMMUNICATIONS DISCLOSED THE SHOOTDOWN OF A
U.S. AIRCRAFT AND CAPTURE OF THE PILOT. CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON HEAVY MARITIME
ACTIVITY BY QBPU ELEMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD
REPAIR WERE ALSO NOTED. ON 24 NOVEMBER, A MESSAGE FROM HQ, QBPU TO "ALL BINH
TRAMS" (BT) DISCLOSED THAT AN F4C AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN AND THE PILOT WAS
CAPTURED ALIVE. NO LOCATION OF SHOOTDOWN OR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PILOTS
STATUS WAS REVEALED. (SEE ITEM 2, AIR/AIR DEFENSE FORCES). HQ, QBPU REQUESTED

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THE ARRIVAL TIME OF A VESSEL TRANSPORTING 350 TONS OF CARGO, IN A 24 NOVEMBER MESSAGE TO BT 4. EARLIER ON 23 NOVEMBER, MENTION HAD BEEN MADE OF 25 VESSELS USED IN TRANSPORTING GOODS. NO DESTINATION WAS GIVEN FOR ANY OF THE VESSELS MENTIONED. IN ANOTHER 23 NOVEMBER MESSAGE, HQ, QBPV REPORTED THAT 1000 TONS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT STILL REMAINED AT PORT GIANH. THE HEAD-QUARTERS SUGGESTED THAT THE EQUIPMENT BE HANDED OVER TO THE MILITARY REGION (PROBABLY MR 4) WHICH HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY EQUIPMENT. XXHH 900 NNNN

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SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
INVOLVING TWO UNIDENTIFIED BRIDGE UNITS WAS THE SUBJECT OF 22 AND 24 NOVEMBER
MESSAGES FROM BT 4 TO HQ, QBP. MENTIONED WERE BRIDGE UNIT 3 AND COM PALLY 5 TO
UNIT 249. IN CONNECTION WITH BRIDGE CON- STRUCTION, A 22 NOVEMBER MESSAGE
REPORTED THAT "IN CONCURRENCE" WITH THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
TRANSPORTATION, FORCES FROM THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN DEPLOYED FOR ROAD REPAIR
WORK. AGAIN, NO LOCATIONS WERE GIVEN. (2/G11ZVCN/T10642-68, 240300Z. T10622,
231630Z. T10621-68, 231535Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~ C. NAVAL ACTIVITY SIGINT OF 22
NOVEMBER REVEALED MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES FOR VESSELS OF NORTH VIETNAMESE MOTOR
TORPEDO BOAT (MTB) DIVISIONS 1 AND 2. IN A MESSAGE OF 220600Z, A PERSONALITY
ASSOCIATED WITH MTB DIVISION 2 NOTIFIED THE AUXILIARY VESSEL T-415 THAT THE
FOLLOWING VESSELS WOULD BE ENTERING PROBABLE DOCK 93 (VICINITY OF 20-56N
107-06E YT 1816) AT THE TIMES INDICATED DIVISION VESSEL NUMBER DATE/TIME IN
DATE/TIME OUT 1 T-313 230600G AM 24 NOV 2 T-329 AM 25 NOV AM 26 NOV T-3 26 AM
26 NOV UNKNOWN T-323 AM 27 NOV T-323 WILL ENTER UPON DEPARTURE OF THE T-326
DURING THE MORNING OF 27 NOVEMBER. ALL SCHEDULES ARE IN GULF OF TONKIN TIME.
DIVISION 2 HAS LAST SCHEDULED FOR MAINTENANCE BETWEEN 23 AND 25 MARCH AND 17
AND 18 APRIL IN THE SAME DRY DOCK FACILITIES. THE T-323 RECEIVED ADDITIONAL
MAINTENANCE AT POSITION AL (SAME LOCATION AS DRY DOCK 93) DURING THE PERIOD
27-28 JULY. (2/G11ZVCN/R1412-68, 230215Z. 3/01 R45, R90, R177-68) ~~(SECRET
SAVIN)~~ D. AIR/AR DEFENSE 1. NVAF IL-28 ACTIVITY OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN
PRACTICE BOMBING OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN WAS CONDUCTED BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE
AIR FORCE IL-28 ON 24 NOVEMBER, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE
SIGINT. THE AIRCRAFT ORIGINATED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD AND REPORTEDLY, RECOVERED
AT HAIPHONG KIEH AN AIRFIELD SUBSEQUENT TO THE ACTIVITY. (2/H3ZVCA/R453-68,
240217Z AND FOLLOW-UPS) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~ (SEE ITEM IIB, MILITARY REGION 4)
2. U.S. AIRCRAFT DOWNED OVER NORTH VIETNAM THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN F-4 OVER NORTH
VIETNAM AND CAPTURE OF AN "AIR PIRATE ALIVE" WAS REFLECTED IN SIGINT ON 23
NOVEMBER. THE REPORT WAS PASSED OVER NORTH VIETNAMESE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE
ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS. COLLATERAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT AN RF-4C WAS DO
WNED BY ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON 23 NOVEMBER. (USA-32 CRITIC
11-68, 231057Z AND FOLLOW-UPS) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~ III. LAOS A. REFLECTIONS OF AIR
ACTIVITY THE FOLLOWING IS A CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF AIR- STRIKES AND
RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY NOTE D IN GDRS/559TH COMMUNICATIONS ON 22 NOVEMBER.
DATE/TIME AIRCRAFT TARGET ORDNANCE (TYPE/NUMBER) 22 NOV/---- OV-10.S(3),
F-100.S(2), --- --- C-4 (1), HU-1A.S (7), CH-34.S (14) SIGINT ALSO DISCLOSED
THE LANDING OF THREE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT AT 1130G ON 22 NOVEMBER IN THE AREA

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